CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 577d5a61ae06d8ddb0d77f89a9de9e.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001900.011

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 17 February 2011

Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

a label:

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is classified as objectionable because of the manner in which it exploits the nudity of a young person.

The publication is a computer image file that contains an image of a naked teenage boy. The image is likely to be regarded as sexual in nature and used for the purpose of sexual arousal by persons with a prurient interest in young persons, because of the high degree to which it exploits the nudity of the anonymous boy depicted. If made available, injury to the public good would result as it would be very likely to be viewed and distributed by audiences with a sexual interest in young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression that is set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention to prevent the availability of publications that exploit the nudity of young persons in a manner that is likely to cause injury to the public good.